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AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

'Know that you will do great things'

Class of 2016 graduates 323 at Symphony Hall ceremony, looks to future success

By Mike Lydick
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The Class of 2016 arrived at Agawam High School in 2012 — the year the Mayans predicted the world would end. But the world survived those predictions of impending doom and the Class of 2016 survived high school.

Even a dark and rainy day couldn't dampen their spirits last Sunday. More than 300 seniors strode confidently into Symphony Hall in Springfield on June 5 to receive their diplomas during a two-hour commencement exercise. It was a major milestone that marked the culmination of their journey from childhood to adulthood.

As graduates, they now are embarking on a variety of new challenges. More than 82 percent of the graduating class of 323 seniors, 265, will attend college or go to vocational school.

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Troy Gallerani helps Victoria Abramchuk, the Class of 2016 valedictorian, fasten achievement pins to her sash before the graduation ceremony.



Agawam High School graduates celebrate on the steps outside Symphony Hall after their June 5 ceremony. Kneeling are Dominic Grasseti, left, and 2016 salutatorian Nick Scuderi. Standing, from left, are Samantha Charette, Maggie Belanger, Maddie Aubrey, Katie Martin and Meghan D'Amours. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

CPA FUNDS

Barn work scaled back

Council approves less restoration after bids exceed budget

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Additional funding has been approved and now plans for the School Street Barn will be redrawn with a more simplistic design for restoration and preservation.

In a 9-1 vote on Monday night, the City Council approved spending of more than \$37,743 in additional funds — a fraction of the \$200,000 gap between the original approval and the actual bids for the project.

The council's Finance Subcommittee and the Community Preservation Act Committee recommended the \$37,743, but Councilor George Bitzas voted against it, stating that the council had approved \$447,000 already for barn restoration, and that should be enough.

"It is not like we are putting in air conditioning and bathrooms in this barn," said Bitzas. "I think a half-million is enough to be spent on preserving a barn and I don't think we should spend any more money on it."

Councilor Paul Cavallo was

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SCHOOL STREET PARK

Rumors are wrong: Splash pad won't close for summer camps

By Michael J. Ballway
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When the spray park at School Street Park opens on July 1, it will turn on at 11 a.m. every day — unless it's raining — until Labor Day. No exceptions.

There's no truth to reports on social media that the splash pad, which debuted last year, will be roped off some days for summer

camp field trips from neighboring towns, according to Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks.

"There were some rumors going around Facebook that we weren't opening the spray park until 3 o'clock, which are false and untrue," Sparks said.

He said town residents may

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STATE POOL

Improved facility on Maynard St. will reopen

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The state pool on Maynard Street will be open this summer, officials say.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation confirmed last week that a \$2 million facility modernization project at the pool is in its final stages.

"Investing in state operated facilities remains an important priority of



No water yet, but construction work on the state pool off Maynard Street is almost complete. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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Full of summer activities & things to do throughout the area.

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Portrait artist at TVAA annual meeting

The Tobacco Valley Artists Association will hold its annual meeting, elections and art demonstration Wednesday, June 15, at 6:30 p.m. at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St.

TVAA will present featured artist Debra Dunphy, an accomplished artist and instructor who works in many styles and media including oils, colored pencil and pastels. Particularly well known for her work in portraiture, Dunphy has created hundreds of commissioned works. She has exhibited her paintings in museums and galleries including several invitational shows, where she has been awarded a number of blue ribbons.

Dunphy is a native of New Bedford, Mass. She is a self-taught portrait artist who strives to capture the essence and likeness of her subject. Her objective is to combine physical as well as the inner qualities to achieve a more lifelike painting. Dunphy's style is soft with a high degree of realism. Portraits are her greatest passion, and she continues to share her love of art and her talents with all.

Dunphy has taught at the Holyoke Community Art Center since 1997. She also holds classes in her

studio, Dunphy Art Studio and Gallery, in Holyoke, where she enjoys teaching art to both children and adults. She has taught at the Summer Institute for the Gifted at Amherst College in Amherst, the Chicopee School System, and at the Connections After-School Program in Holyoke. Dunphy has also demonstrated her portrait painting techniques to art organizations throughout New England.

Dunphy's artistic talents extend beyond her ability to replicate the human face and figure. She took part in the restoration project for the Merry-Go-Round as the commissioned muralist, painting several panels of Holyoke historical landmarks. Most recently, she completed a railroad themed wall mural at the newly renovated Union Station Tunnel Bar in Northampton. She is involved in many groups and organizations, including the Holyoke Cultural Council and the Holyoke League of Arts and Crafts, where she served as president.

TVAA comprises members throughout Connecticut and Massachusetts. All are welcome to the regular meetings and artist demonstrations held on the third Wednesday of the month in Agawam.

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Correction

An attendee at Agawam's Relay for Life was misidentified on page 1 of the May 26 Agawam Advertiser News. The girl photographed hugging a Spiderman balloon in the lower left corner of the page is named Delanie Berger.

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Humason office hours in town next week

State Sen. Don Humason will host public office hours in several towns, including Agawam, Southwick and Westfield, this month.

Humason or a member of his staff will be available in Agawam from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Monday, June 13, in the Peirce Room at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. All are welcome to visit and share their thoughts or concerns on state matters.

Office hours in Westfield are 4-5:30 p.m. Monday, June 20, in the Elizabeth Reed Room of the Westfield Athenaeum, 6 Elm St. Office hours in the Community Room of the Southwick Public Library are 4-5:30

p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at 95 Feeding Hills Road, Southwick.

Humason and staff are also available to meet with constituents at his district office, 64 Noble St. in Westfield. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead is recommended. Humason's district office staff can be reached at 413-568-1366. Staff in his Boston office can be reached at 617-722-1415 for legislative matters. The senator's email is Donald.Humason@MASenate.gov.

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St. David’s run and walk

The third annual Fr. Harvey’s Run/Walk through Robinson Park and back to St. David’s Church will take place Saturday, June 11.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the church, at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. The run and walk begins at 10 a.m. There will be a light meal at the end and prizes will be awarded to the person with the fastest time, the person who raises the most money and the youngest runner or walker. All money raised will go to the youth ministry.

To obtain a sponsor sheet, call the church at 413-786-6133.

Art show canceled this week

The Friends of the Agawam Public Library 3D Art Object Show scheduled for Wednesday through Saturday, June 8 to 11, has been cancelled due to a lower-than-expected number of entrants. All entry fees will be returned.

Paddle the river on Robinson Park Day

On Saturday, June 18, the Westfield River Watershed Association will sponsor a scenic six-mile paddle from the new Great River Bridge in Westfield to Robinson State Park in Agawam. Participants should bring their own canoe or kayak, paddles and personal safety devices, as well as sunscreen and drinking water.

For those used to seeing the river only in glimpses from the road, the canoe and kayak cruise offers a new, close-up view of the waterway. Organizers recommend that participants be experienced paddlers, given that river conditions may be unpredictable. Children under the age of 18 must be supervised by a parent or guardian. Children under the age of 14 must paddle in the same boat as an adult.

An admission fee of \$10 per person or \$25 per family will help cover shuttle service, insurance and light refreshments. Registration is from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the municipal parking lot off Meadow Street near the Great River Bridge in Westfield. Participants will register, unload boats and gear, drive their vehicles to Robinson State Park and return by shuttle to the launch area. Staggered departures will begin around 11 a.m.

Low or high water conditions or really bad weather may cause a cancellation of the event. Those planning to participate who would like to receive a cancellation notice by email the evening before the event should email lynnban-non@verizon.net and put the word “Notify” in the subject line. WRWA will also post the cancellation on its website, www.westfieldriver.org the evening before.

For more information, visit www.westfieldriver.org or call Fran S. at 413-562-4998.

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New name, same mission as Family Center reopens

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The West of the River Family Center was christened last Wednesday morning as many town dignitaries and supporters of the former Agawam YMCA gathered to celebrate a new entity.

The ribbon was cut for the second time in less than two years at 61 Springfield St., as Mayor Richard Cohen praised the efforts of the new members of the nonprofit created to oversee the center.

“This was one of the quickest turnarounds of taking the center’s misfortune and making the town of Agawam’s good fortune,” the mayor said.

He praised the amount of outreach and engagement volunteers made in an effort to help raise money and work out a deal to keep the center open.

Andrew Melendez, who will be the executive director of the new nonprofit to run the West of the River Family Center, said he hopes to inspire community engagement to help bring back some members that left during the transition, as well as draw in new members. He stopped short of giving a target number of members the center needs to stay open. He did say one of the strategies that would be for members to try and engage with prospective members. “We hope to gain new members through word-of-mouth,” he said. “And through the programs that we offer to the public here.”

He said summer programs are in the works and he hopes it will renew the faith in the family center.

The facility originally opened in October 2014 as an “express” branch of the Greater Springfield YMCA, with a small fitness gym and program center. It offered some activities for children on-site, and youth sports programs at other locations around town. Adult programs and even some town committee meetings were also held at the Y. It was the first of its kind in New England — a YMCA without traditional amenities like a swimming pool or a basketball court.

Y officials from Springfield decided to end the experiment in March, abruptly announcing that the Agawam center would close at the end of May due to mounting debts and low membership numbers.

Melendez had also served as the YMCA’s local director when the facility opened, and returned at the start of 2016. Joseph Mineo, a city councilor and the chairman and CEO



Leah Stern exercises with her husband, Michael, by her side at the new West of the River Family Center, which opened under its new name last Wednesday morning. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

of the Board of Directors, was appointed chairman of the Agawam Y’s advisory board about the same time.

Mineo, who is staying on as chairman and CEO of the new nonprofit’s Board of Directors, said he is pleased to have the family center remain open and is looking forward to engaging members.

“This place is not going to be just a gym, it will truly be a place for the whole family,” said Mineo.

The center will be partially funded by the Valley Opportunity Council, a Holyoke-based social services agency. VOC is assisting with the startup and will also have an ongoing presence on-site. Startup costs included a buyout agreement with the Y, so that the furniture and gym equipment will remain in the facility.

Eventually, the family center will pay its bills entirely through membership fees and its own fundraising. During the ribbon cutting ceremony, it was announced that the Grimaldi and Burzduk Real Estate had donated \$2,000 to the new center.

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OUR VIEW

Graduates, your future is now

The future is a funny thing. To today's high school graduates, "the future" may be seven, four or two years away. To today's high school juniors, one year. To today's eighth graders already counting down the days to freshman orientation, less than three months.

Not so. The future is now.

With most of Agawam High School's 2016 graduates continuing their education — at college, technical school or military training — it's no surprise that when these teenagers look ahead, they take a long and broad view.

"Know that you will do great things," said Valedictorian Victoria Abramchuk.

"It is time for you to let us go out into society and try to make a meaningful impact on the world," Salutatorian Nicholas Scuderi said.

"We all have endless opportunities to achieve," said Class President Thomas Dagenais.

They're right — decades from now, someone who wore a brown or white gown to Symphony Hall last weekend will be a prominent politician; someone will be a captain of industry; someone will be an accomplished scientist or decorated soldier or celebrated artist. The Class of 2016 has decades of successes and accolades coming to it in the future.

But however young, inexperienced and unaccomplished they may be now, our graduates are adults already. They may still be living at home, working only part-time, getting ready for another year of classes, but they have completed their basic education. They are adults — no less so than the parents, teachers and coaches they look up to.

Those "great things" they will do to "make a meaningful impact on the world" may take some time, but there are many "lesser" things they can do now to meaningfully impact their community. At age 18, they can coach youth sports and change lives in their own backyard. They can join a national or state campaign and make political connections in town — or join a Town Hall committee and actively participate in government. They can bring energy and spirit to committees and ministries in their church or other local nonprofits, advancing the cause of charity and justice among their most needy neighbors.

They can, and should, begin to take news and politics seriously. Later this year, their votes will be worth just as much as those of their parents, teachers and coaches in what promises to be a spirited and divisive race for president, and contested races locally for county sheriff and state senator.

They can do all of the things that all adults do to build a community in Agawam. They've always been part of this community, but now — not just two years from now, or four years, or seven — they're qualified to help lead it.

Graduates of 2016, your class president says you have "endless opportunities to achieve" as future leaders. Indeed, you have endless opportunities here and now.

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Letters to the Editor



The Agawam High School PTSO Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social was held May 2. From left, PTSO members Julianne Rossi, Joelle Phillips, Stacy Wieners, Sherry Ardolino, Garda Stasiak and Agawam School Committee member Shelley Borgatti-Reed. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Additional sponsors to thank for ice cream social

In last week's edition of the Agawam Advertiser News, the Agawam High School PTSO thanked local businesses that contributed to the Teacher Appreciation Ice Cream Social event, which is held every year to thank teachers for their hard work and dedication. The PTSO inadvertently left out the following businesses for their donations — Stellato Brothers Landscap-

ing, Stop & Shop Feeding Hills, Homewood Suites Hotel and St. Anne's Country Club.

The event this year was held on May 2 and without donations from our surrounding community, this event would not be possible. Thank you.

Joelle Phillips
AHS PTSO

Three myths about U.S. foreign aid

The unfortunate truth is that more than 17,000 children below 5 years of age die each day from preventable diseases and that chronic hunger affects the lives of more than 795 million people across the globe. The majority of these individuals living in extreme poverty reside in developing countries. Below are three common myths about the U.S. foreign aid budget, which helps these impoverished people to live healthier, more fruitful lives:

Myth: The U.S. spends too much on foreign aid and ignores important issues closer to home.

Truth: Although recent polls (such as the Kaiser Family Foundation's 2013 survey) have revealed that Americans believe as much as 28 percent of the U.S. federal budget is spent on foreign aid, the reality is that only a mere 1 percent of it is allotted towards foreign aid. In 2015, \$50.22 billion was spent on the U.S. international affairs budget — a number that is dwarfed by the \$609.3 billion spent on military affairs or the \$1.05 trillion spent on Medicare and health by the U.S. in the same year.

Myth: Foreign aid does not benefit U.S. citizens.

Truth: Foreign aid is an investment in our country's future. It improves national security by stabilizing communities and

giving children access to educational systems that do not glorify violence and terrorism. It helps to convert poverty-stricken regions of the globe into areas filled with potential consumers of U.S. products, which stimulates our economy and benefits us all. Eleven of the U.S.'s top 15 trading partners were previous recipients of U.S. foreign aid, demonstrating the direct impact that U.S. foreign aid can have on our country's growing economy.

Myth: Foreign aid is ineffective and a waste of U.S. money.

Truth: Since 1990, the amount of people who live on less than \$1.25 per day has declined from nearly half to just 14 percent of developing regions' populations while the number of those living in extreme poverty has dropped from 1.9 billion to 836 million. Rates of new HIV infections, neonatal mortality and malarial death have all drastically decreased in recent years, whereas rates of primary school enrollment and literacy have done just the opposite. All of the above have been accomplished, in large part, due to U.S. foreign aid. Who could possibly call that wasteful?

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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Sixty years later: the '56s

On Thursday, June 2, the sign for Moe's Donuts was calling me. How could I not stop at the Westfield Farmers Market and get one of Moe's apple cider donuts. Besides, I had just gotten a letter the day before from Moe's father and I could also find out how her father-in-law was doing. Moe is Maureen (Fini) Weiner. Her father-in-law is former AHS track coach Ray Weiner, who was an elementary school gym teacher. Imagine how many Brownies had Ray for gym class. Recently, Ray moved to Pennsylvania to be near his daughter.

Maureen's dad Al Fini wrote us to tell about the upcoming 60th reunion of the Class of 1956. It will be a four-day event the end of this month. Besides the typical reunion get-togethers, the '56s will be presenting to AHS principal Steve Lemanski a classic Bowers Studio picture of all 100 of their class members. It's

probably like the one I have of the '54s. Each senior is shown in a small oval and the picture is sort of a long rectangle. My '54 picture came from a tag sale for \$5. Since my sister Fran was in it, how could I resist? The oak frame was probably worth the \$5.

Besides Al Fini, the reunion committee consists of Joanne (Meissner) Beltrandi, Barbara (Meissner) Nicora, Stan Drzyzga, Betty Ann (Cote) Pisano and Connie McGovern. Some of us '63s may remember Connie, who was our catechism teacher around 1960 or 1961.

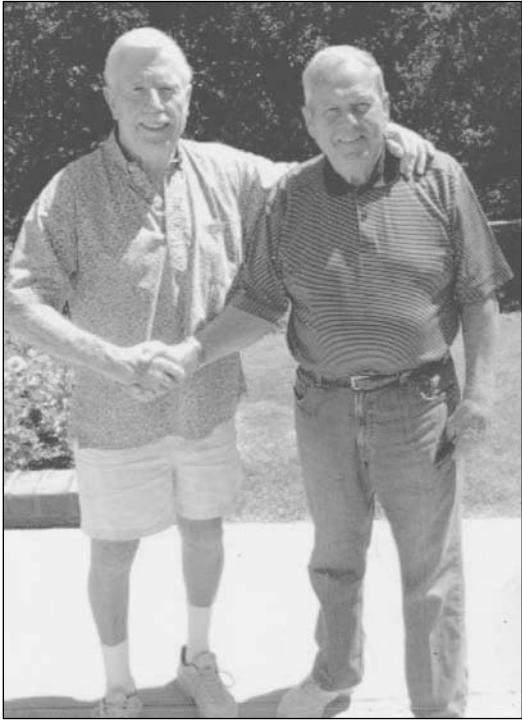
The '56s are expecting around 25 of the original 100 at the reunion. If you want to attend you can get more information by calling Al at 413-896-4764.

The Class of '56 was the first class to graduate from the new high school on Cooper Street. Tom O'Keefe was the president, Caroline Aldrich, vice-president, Don Gould, the treasurer and Elizabeth Ann Cote, the secretary.

Miss Quiz Kid was Josephine Alfano and Mr. Quiz Kid was Philip Arnold. Stan Drzyzga was voted Boy Who Did Most for the School and Harriet Shea was voted Girl Who Did Most for the School.

Boys sports were not very successful, as the football and basketball teams only won one game. You can see some excellent athletes like Dick Glogowski, Turk Bruno and Bruce Cobb in the yearbook pictures, but they were young and still growing.

David Monaghan was a three-sport athlete in



From left, David Monaghan, Class of 1956, and Buddy Sullivan, the father of Brownies Gale, Kevin, Shawn and Patrick

the class of '56. His 67 Monroe St. home was on the southeast corner of Willard Avenue and almost directly across the street from my parents' home. You may remember the April 20, 2009, column about David meeting our Buddy Sullivan in Santa Ynez, Calif. It all started when Buddy's daughter-in-law, Jo Sullivan, got talking with a man in a car wash waiting room. It was David. Unfortunately, David has moved and the '56s have lost contact with him. Maybe you computer buffs can help find him. I'll watch for him on Willard Avenue.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



Walt Willard

School Committee Meeting

Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, June 14 — 7 p.m.

1. Call to order
2. Executive session — Collective Bargaining (Grievance)
3. Moment of silence
4. Roll call of attendance
5. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
6. Citizen's Speak Time
7. Highlights on Education:
 - a. Veteran's Council Memorial Day Poster Contest winners
 - b. Clark School Science League presentation
 - c. Presentation of retirees
 8. Superintendent's Notes
 9. Student Advisory Committee representative update
 10. Unfinished business:
 - a. SCR-16-18, Request to change the process to fill a vacancy on the school committee
 - b. SCR-16-19, Adoption of School Improvement Plans
 - c. SCR-16-20, Approval of revised IT Specialist — Administrative/Curriculum job
 11. Business meeting
 - a. Routine matters
 - 1) Approval of minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - 1). Scheduled reports:
 - LPVEC update (paper report)
 - Drop out/withdrawals (paper report)
 - Non-graduating seniors (paper report)
 - 2). Subcommittee updates
 12. New business:
 - a. SCR-16-21, Acceptance of \$750 donation from AIC to the AJHS arts education program
 - b. SCR-16-22, Authorization to construct a new PreK and K school
 - c. SCR-16-23, Authorization to fund the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design Phase of the Accelerated Repair Program for the Roberta G. Doering School
 13. Policy review:
 - a. Policy GBEC, Drug-Free Workplace Policy, 1st reading
 - b. Policy IHAMB, Teaching About Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs, 1st reading
 - c. Policy JICH-1, Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use by Students Prohibited, 1st reading
 - d. Policy JFF, Student Activity Accounts, 1st reading
 - e. Policy JLCD, Administering Medicines to Students, 1st reading
 - f. Policy ADF, School District Wellness Program, 1st reading
 - g. Policy EBC-B, Narcan Policy and Procedure, 1st reading
 14. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
 15. Adjournment

DEATH NOTICES

Cleveland, Bonnie
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Hurst, Joyce W.
Died June 3
Funeral June 8
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Provost, Lillian L.
Died June 5
Funeral June 8
Curran-Jones Funeral Home Agawam

Sekula, Gerald
Died June 5
Funeral June 8
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Agawam Public Schools Special Education Files from the 2008-2009 school year will be destroyed after June 17, 2016. Any person (s) who has graduated, moved or has been released from Special Education during the 2008-2009 may pick up their file at the Special Education Office located at 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA 01001 between the hours of 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. PRIOR TO JUNE 17, 2016. Should you have any questions or require further information, please call (413) 726-1651 or email jkerr@agawampublicschools.org

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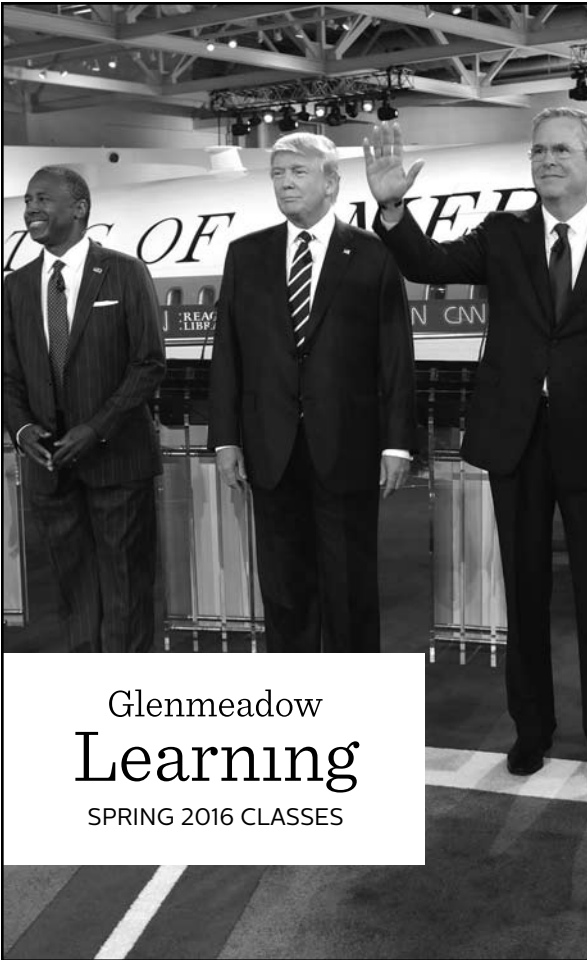
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The City Council is reducing the scope of restoration work at the School Street Barn after bids came in much higher than expected. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

BARN ■ from page 1

among several who countered Bitzas’ view. He said the money being spent is not going to increase taxes.

“This is CPA money that has already been taken out of people’s taxes,” said Cavallo. “This is not something that is going impact our tax rate or be bonded out.”

Efforts to restore and preserve the School Street Barn began under former Town Planner Deborah Dachos, who retired last February. New Planner Marc Strange has been charged with carrying out the plan, but was forced to come back to the CPA Committee when bids greatly exceeded the \$447,000 budget.

To meet the higher-than-anticipated construction costs, officials decided to take a more simplistic approach to restore and preserve the building, Councilor Christopher Johnson said.

Councilors Gina Letellier and Cecilia Calabrese shared Bitzas’s concerns, but said the town is still doing less with the barn and needs more funds just to stabilize

and restore the building. The barn, located next to the School Street entrance to School Street Park, is currently being used for storage, but is considered a historic landmark in town.

Bitzas said he is afraid approving the additional funding will escalate the project and continue to cost the town more money in CPA funding.

Johnson said the scope of the project is shrinking, and the extra funds are needed to re-bid to fit the new plan.

“They need the funds to redraw the plans and prevent things like decay at the foundation,” said Johnson.

Letellier said she favored the stabilization and restoration of the building.

“To not stabilize that barn would be short-sighted of the town,” said Letellier.

The funding used for the new site of plans will come from the historic resources fund in the CPA. Each year, 10 percent of CPA funds are reserved specifically for the preservation of historic resources in the community.

Bids also high for park projects

By Michael J. Ballway
mballway@turley.com

The City Council will next consider spending an additional \$35,386 in CPA funds to pay for shortfalls in previously approved projects at Borgatti Park and Wade Park. That vote is scheduled for the June 20 council meeting.

According to Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks, the paving bids came in higher than expected. Borgatti Park, on River Road, is set to receive two new pickleball courts, a repaved basketball half-court and a new 500-foot paved walkway connecting the two parking areas and the recently built bathroom and concession building.

At Wade Park, on Franklin Street in Feeding Hills, the town plans to pave the current crushed-stone parking lot, repave the basketball court and pave a walkway to the site where a playground will be built. Sparks said work can’t begin on the playground, which will have several structures for three age groups ranging from infants to pre-teens, until the paving is complete.

Once the council approves the additional funds, said Sparks, “I will then immediately start working with the paving companies to see how soon I can get on their paving schedule.”

Gregory A. Scibelli contributed to this report.

POOL ■ from page 1

the Baker-Polito Administration’s ongoing efforts to increase recreational opportunities for people of all abilities to enjoy,” said Department of Conservation and Recreation spokesman Troy Wall. “Within this past year, DCR’s Gerald J. Mason Memorial Swimming Pool in Agawam has seen major improvements that will allow the community and the region experience exceptional swimming opportunities.”

According to Wall, current upgrades to the property include the full reconstruction of the pool and the pool decks, fully enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act access into the pool.

There will be ADA improvements to the building next to the pool, and new benches installed.

Wall also said there will be some new construction taking place, with a new shade pavilion for pool users looking to get out of the sun, and a new rinse station for pool users to take advantage of before and after using the pool.

He said the state is hopeful the improve-

ments will draw more residents out to the pool and appeal to more families during the summer who are looking for an easy way to beat the heat or have fun together.

“There are many families out there that do not have a pool, and this is a place they can come to enjoy that,” said Wall.

During the past two years, the DCR has installed new filters, fencing, and roofs to the swimming pool facilities, all with the hope of trying improve the amount of usage the pool receives and making it a destination for families in the Agawam area.

The facility was open last year, and there is no cost for residents to use the facility.

Currently, hours have not officially been set for the upcoming season. Wall says the facility will be opened up for the summer season.

According to the schedule released by the Department of Conservation and Recreation, the pool will be open seven days a week from June 25 through August 21. There will be lifeguards on duty.



Among the improvements at the state pool is a new shade pavilion. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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- CLUES ACROSS**

 - 1. Businessmen
 - 5. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
 - 8. From a distance
 - 12. Ruth’s mother-in-law
 - 14. Performer ___ Lo Green
 - 15. Drug for Parkinson’s disease, L-___
 - 16. Composure
 - 18. Broadcasts cartoons (abbr.)
 - 19. Used for baking or drying
 - 20. About alga
 - 21. Food grain
 - 22. Not messy
 - 23. Super Bowl-winning Bronco
 - 26. Egg-shaped wind instrument
 - 30. Get rid of
 - 31. Being enthusiastic
- CLUES DOWN**

 - 1. Tennis player Ivanovic
 - 32. A bird’s beak
 - 33. Pores in a leaf
 - 34. Time of life
 - 39. Yuppie status symbol
 - 42. Parasitic fever
 - 44. Gallantry
 - 46. Put this in soup
 - 47. Small dog
 - 49. Malay people
 - 50. Third-party access
 - 51. North winds
 - 55. Peruvian mountain
 - 56. Annual percentage rate
 - 57. Mourning garments
 - 59. Network of nerves
 - 60. Guided
 - 61. Nests of pheasants
 - 62. DJ Rick
 - 63. No seats available
 - 64. Patty
- 2. ___ Nui, Easter Island
 - 3. Cotton pod
 - 4. Air pollution
 - 5. The real ___, the genuine article
 - 6. Taken to
 - 7. Holds artificial teeth
 - 8. Greek mythical figure
 - 9. Small depressions in the retina
 - 10. Vertical position
 - 11. Shout at length
 - 13. Conceivable
 - 17. White (French)
 - 24. Singer Charles
 - 25. Ancient Mesopotamian
 - 26. Canada and the U.S. are members
 - 27. Cognitive retention therapy
 - 28. Much ___ About Nothing
- 29. Georgia rockers
 - 35. Cologne
 - 36. The products of human creativity
 - 37. Brazilian city (slang)
 - 38. Honorific title in Japan
 - 40. They can die
 - 41. Candy is inside this
 - 42. Verizon bought them
 - 43. Semites
 - 44. Marine mollusk
 - 45. Entertains
 - 47. Made of crushed fruit or vegetables
 - 48. Town in Apulia, Italy
 - 49. Unresolved root or sum of roots
 - 52. Invests in little enterprises
 - 53. Spanish city
 - 54. Search
 - 58. Midway between south and southeast

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Public Safety

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 363 calls for service from May 30 to June 5. The department recorded 11 arrests in its public log. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Monday, May 30

A female juvenile from Springfield was arrested on a charge of trespassing.

Tuesday, May 31

Francisco Rios, 34, of 155 Belmont Ave., 2nd Floor, Springfield, was arrested on charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, unregistered motor vehicle, uninsured motor vehicle, attaching plates to a motor vehicle, registration not in possession, and failing to display an inspection sticker.

John Ramah, 53, of 187 Colemore St., Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Wednesday, June 1

Brian Todd Wysocki, 52, of 77 Reed St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

Adam F. Mullins, 20, of 418 Meadow St., Apt. B4, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Thursday, June 2

Rebecca Lynn Hale, 31, of 40 Sunnymeade Ave., 2nd Floor, Chicopee, was arrested on a default warrant and charges of operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense, unregistered motor vehicle, and failure to stop for police.

Eric H. Stulpin, 44, of 1176 Springfield St., Agawam, was arrested on charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, a shod foot; assault and battery with serious bodily injury; and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Richard Wise, 26, of 1259 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of possession to distribute a Class A drug, and possession of a Class C drug.

Daniel T. Simpson, 62, of 793 River Road, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Friday, June 3

Sarah Calise, 28, of 92 Channell Drive, Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Saturday, June 4

Joseph Migliori, 28, homeless, of Fall River, was arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property over \$250.

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 72 EMS calls from May 24 to May 30, and the following emergency response calls.

On May 24 at 4:43 p.m., the department responded to Debra Lane for alarm system activation, no fire — unintentional.

On May 24 at 6:51 p.m., the department responded to Route 5 South for accident, potential accident, other.

On May 25 at 1:58 p.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for public service.

On May 25 at 4:25 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 26 at 1:42 p.m., the department responded to Gold Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On May 27 at 4:15 p.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive for public service.

On May 27 at 7:18 p.m., the department responded to the North End Bridge for search for person in water.

On May 28 at 5:38 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for attempted burning, illegal action, other.

On May 28 at 9:59 a.m., the department responded to Kanawha Avenue for outside rubbish, trash or waste fire.

On May 28 at 10:54 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for vehicle accident, general clean-

up.

On May 28 at 3:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for structure fire, other (conversion only).

On May 28 at 3:50 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 28 at 5:06 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On May 28 at 8:42 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for carbon monoxide detector activation, no CO.

On May 28 at 9:44 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On May 29 at 9:21 a.m., the department responded to Meadowbrook Manor for public service.

On May 29 at 11:55 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for public service assistance, other.

On May 29 at 12:36 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On May 29 at 7:39 p.m., the department responded to Van Deene Avenue to cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On May 30 at 2:40 a.m., the department responded to Maple Street for false alarm or false call, other.

On May 30 at 9:57 a.m., the department responded to Vassar Road for lockout.



The Parks and Recreation Department won't turn on the School Street Park splash pad until the end of this month — but once it's on, it will be open every day at 11 a.m. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

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have confused the spray park with the swimming pool at Perry Lane Park. As in previous years, Perry Lane will be closed to the public on weekdays until 3:30 p.m. to accommodate the town's own summer camp program. Perry Lane Pool will open to the public at noon on weekends, and close at 5 p.m. on all days, starting June 27.

Sparks said his department will also be enforcing some new rules at School Street Park this year, in response to concerns from park users last year.

"We are asking that people keep their groups, parties and events to 30 people or less," Sparks said. The park, he said, "is not designed for people to have huge events and functions."

The rules now also require that "music shall be kept to a volume that does not become a nuisance to the surrounding parties/groups."

As was the case last year, the park lawns and pavilions are not available to rent or reserve for private functions. They can be used on a first-come basis. Smoking is prohibited within 200 feet of the playground,

spray park, pavilion, picnic shelter and band shell.

Spray park supervisors, wearing "Parks and Recreation Staff" shirts, will be on duty to enforce rules and assist park users 4-7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekends. Sparks encouraged anyone with a question or concern about town parks to speak with a supervisor on site or call his office, at 413-821-0514, to get accurate information rather than starting a rumor on social media. He also said people can visit agawam.ma.us, click on "Departments," then "Parks & Recreation," for a list of schedules and rules.

One persistent question on Facebook is whether the town can institute an admission fee to fund an expansion of the spray park's hours of operation, or to discourage out-of-towners from using the park. Because the park was funded by the Community Preservation Act, which includes matching funds from the state government, the town is prohibited from imposing an admission fee or restricting non-residents in any way.

Giant tag sale at St. David's

St. David's Episcopal Church will hold a giant community tag sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 17 and 18. All tables will be orga-

nized by category. All proceeds will go into the church development fund.

The church is at 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills.

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GRADUATION 2016



Flipping through her yearbook while eating breakfast, Veronica Kozak was reminded of all the friends she's made at AHS since she was a freshman.



From left, Angelina Derose, Liana Morrison and Kiana Eaton are best friends who will be going their separate ways following graduation.

Seniors bid a fond farewell to classmates and AHS

By Mike Lydick
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Agawam High School seniors were officially out of school a few weeks ago, but they made one last trip back just days before receiving their diplomas.

They attended a traditional senior breakfast in the cafeteria where soon-to-be-graduates picked up their yearbooks, caps and gowns, school records, and graduation tickets. It was the final time the entire Class of 2016 was together before graduation.

It also was a chance for friends and classmates to say good-bye, share some memories of their days at AHS, and talk about their plans for the future. While many were happy just to be graduating and ready to put their high school years behind them, others were a bit apprehensive about leaving.

"I'm feeling a little nervous," said Angelina Derose while waiting for breakfast. "Soon I won't be a student here anymore — I'll be in college."

Derose, who will attend STCC this fall, said her four years went by very fast. "I've made many new friends here. I'm going to miss all my AHS classmates and friends."

Liana Morrison will miss "everything" from football games to the daily routines. "That's all going to change for me," said Morrison, who will attend a nursing program at Springfield Technical Community College.

Kiana Eaton reports this summer for basic training in the Air Force Reserves to train for health services management. She'll use those skills in the reserves one weekend a month and two weeks each year. When she completes her training in December, Eaton will attend early childhood education classes at Holyoke Community College.

"One of the hardest things for me to leave behind is sports — as a spectator and a participant. I did soccer, cross country, and indoor and outdoor track for three years," she said.

Sports were also on the mind of Rachel Laponese. She played softball and was on the team that won a division championship last year.

"It was pretty awesome. I'm going to miss playing on the team," she said.

Laponese will attend Umass-Dartmouth, majoring in criminal justice and psychology. She said her many "great connections" with her teachers will help her in college: "They always supported me and helped me out."

Joe Davitt wants to work as a film editor for a local television station. He will study film and television production at STCC. "It feels good to finally be graduating," he said. "Graduation will be special — it's been a tough trudge to get through 12 years of school, but I'm finally getting it done."



Class of 2016 officers Tom Dagerais (president), Madeline Joyal (secretary), Frank Mastromatteo (vice president), and Jenna Beach (treasurer) were on hand to assist their classmates in picking up their caps and gowns for graduation. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



From left, Jen Rossi, Melina Reid, Diane McGregor and Hannah Kresock show off the new yearbooks that they picked up at the senior class breakfast.



One of the most important things seniors did at the June 1 class breakfast was pick up their caps and gowns to wear days later at graduation ceremonies.



Dongan Bishop, left, and Tavon Brooks wait to pick up their graduation tickets. The two friends said they had some good times at AHS and made some good memories.

GRADUATION 2016



Christian Edwards Perez and Rachel Laponese had a chance to say their good-byes at the Class of 2016 senior breakfast on June 1.

SENIORS ■ from page 8

Brian LaMotte said he'll miss hanging out and having a good time with friends like Davitt. He said it's "immensely scary" to leave AHS — even though he's excited about attending Westfield State University to study history. He hopes to become an archeologist or a teacher.

"I'm happy to see my friends today. I won't see many of them for a long time. That's sad. This was my chance to say good-bye," he said.

Saying good-bye to classmates — many of whom she's known since kindergarten — was also on Hannah Kresock's mind.

"We've made so many memories together — it's cool to know everyone. That won't be the case in college," she said.

Kresock will attend Boston College to study biochemistry and become a research scientist. One of her favorite memories: football pep rallies.

"That was the one day everyone was proud to go to AHS," she said. "We were united as a class and as a school."

Her friend Diane McGregor said she'll miss the football games when studying biology and pre-med at Emmanuel College in Boston to prepare for a career as a surgeon.

"Everyone went to the games to support the team. I had a lot of good times sitting with my friends and watching the games. It was really nice that they had good seasons while I was here — I think I might have brought them some luck," said McGregor.

"Good times, good friends," said Tavon Brooks as he stood in line to get graduation tickets. "A lot of good memories were made here," added Brooks, who will join the Marines.

Flipping through her yearbook, Veronica Kozak was reminded of all the friends she's made since she was a freshman.

"That was my best year — I made so many friends," she said. "After that, many graduated or just split — and I miss them now. That's made what made that year so special for me."

Kozak — attending STCC and then Westfield State University to study computer programming — said the end of high school brings more work and responsibility.

"This is our last bit of freedom," she said. "We may look back on these days in a few years and think of them as the good old days."

Agawam High School recognized 11 students for their grade-point averages over four years of high school. The top student, Victoria Abramchuk, earned valedictorian honors; the second-highest, Nicholas Scuderi, was named salutatorian. There were ties in class rank at seventh and ninth place.



Victoria Abramchuk, valedictorian



Nicholas Scuderi, salutatorian



Troy Gallerani, 3rd



Hannah Kresock, 4th



Joseph Moccio, 5th



Jillian Scherpa, 6th



Christie Mirski, T-7th



Vita Nesen, T-7th



Geoffrey Circosta, T-9th



Melissa Schuler, T-9th



Emma Armfield, 11th

Graduates planning military service

Nine 2016 graduates of Agawam High School will enlist in the military, school Principal Steve Lemanski said this week.

Richard James Dolan, Jacob Thomas Root and Brandon Michael

Tessier will enlist in the U.S. Army.

Jimmy Justin Adams, Daigan Matthew Bishop and Christian Joseph Edwards-Perez will serve in the U.S. Navy. Tessier's photograph was not available at press time.

Brandon Scott Woodford will join the U.S. Coast Guard.

Daniel Christopher Brunelle is joining the U.S. Marine Corps.

Kiana Michele Eaton will serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserves.



Jimmy Adams



Daigan Bishop



Daniel Brunelle



Richard Dolan



Kiana Eaton



Christian Edwards-Perez



Jacob Root



Brandon Woodford

Congratulations to the Agawam High School Class of 2016!

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Agawam High School
Class of 2016

Agawam High School graduated 323 seniors at ceremonies held June 5. Graduates are listed below. An asterisk (*) denotes National Honor Society.

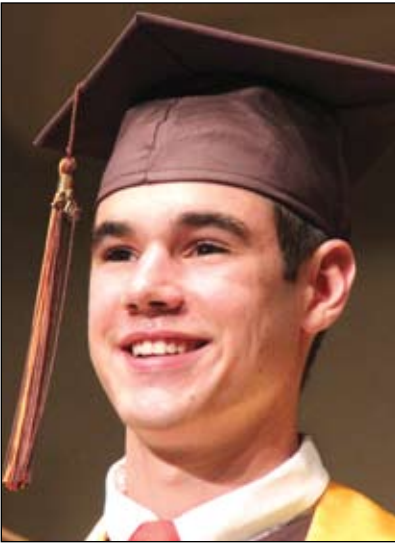
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Valedictorian Victoria Abramchuk



Salutatorian Nick Scuderi



Class President Thomas Dagenais

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al or technical schools. Nine will join the military and 34 will have full-time employment. Just 15 students have stated they are undecided about their future.

This year's graduation marked the first time in 46 years that longtime School Committee member Roberta Doering was not in attendance to assist in presenting diplomas. Doering, who died in March, had served on the committee from 1970 until her death. As seniors walked on stage to receive their diplomas they passed by a large portrait of the first woman elected to the Agawam School Committee.

Valedictorian Victoria Abramchuk in her address said when she and her classmates entered AHS as freshmen they were not only met by schedules, new policies and procedures, and a slew of forms waiting to be signed, but also a whole new family of individuals, who were there to support, guide, and enlighten them. She said the faculty of AHS is unlike any other. "As we all know, there are teachers that we loved and teachers that we loved to hate," she said. "However, I think that no one will disagree with me, when I say that every teacher deserves more credit than they are given."

She told her classmates that while they are the future, teachers and educators "are the catalysts and the cultivators. They are who we see every day and their ideas and efforts are what we experience and what shape us to be who we are."

Abramchuk said she had been "blessed with an abundance" of good teachers at AHS, adding that just as there is a great artist behind every work of art and a great musician behind every symphony, "there is a great teacher behind every student."

And although these great teachers are all different, what they have in common, she said, is passion. "They love what they do and that is what makes a difference. That is what

makes the faculty at Agawam High School unlike any other."

Abramchuk said her only regret was that she couldn't mention every teacher or faculty member.

"My only wish is that I can make all of them proud by going out into the world and making as much of an impact on others as they made on me," she said. "Because such is the value of education — not test scores and GPAs — but making an impact, one life at a time."

She said that is exactly where she and her classmates find themselves today — at the threshold of something bigger and greater than any of them could possibly comprehend.

"The truth of the matter is, when I look out at all of you I don't see graduates. I don't see classmates, or even friends — I see dentists, lawyers, homemakers, entrepreneurs, cosmetologists, teachers, surgeons, veterinarians, soldiers. I see leaders and people who, with their education, will forever leave an impression on myself, and forever leave an impact on this town."

She urged her classmates to remember their potential, and their ability to change the world: "Never give up hope. Know that you will do great things. Don't live life in fear. Forgive and forget, but don't forget why you're here. Congratulations, Class of 2016. I cannot wait to see where life takes you."

Take on the world

Salutatorian Nicholas Scuderi dedicated his speech to parents of the Class of 2016, stating that no one in his class would be where they are today without the continual support and help from all their caring and loving parents.

"Thank you for shaping us into the young men and women we are today. Thank you for teaching us to challenge conventional wisdom, and search for our own answers. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to flourish. Thank you for letting us dis-

cover who we are. And most importantly, thank you for feeding us on a day-to-day basis" said Scuderi.

He added that with the help of their parents, members of the AHS graduating class are now equipped, prepared, and ready to move on to a new chapter, whether it be college, the workforce or the military.

"It is time for you to let us go out into society and try to make a meaningful impact on the world. It is time for us to share the burden, and you, our support structure, need to let it fall upon our own shoulders. We have appreciated all the love and support, but we need the opportunity to be independent, and find our own identities," he said, adding, "Not that we won't ever need your help again, whether emotionally — or more importantly — financially."

Scuderi told his classmates that as their career as high school students comes to a close, they have an opportunity to use what they learned in 12 years of schooling. He said graduation is just the end of one road. "We must hang up our cleats and find a new path to follow. It is our time to take on the world, to find and pursue new passions. ... No matter who you are, and what your situation may be, success and greatness are within your grasp."

Success and greatness, he said, come from those who reach out to others and lend a helping hand — they are usually the unsung heroes. "If there is anything that you take away from today, remember that greatness is not judged on how much money you make, the things you own, or the public recognition you receive. It is based on bringing a little more happiness and hope in the lives of others with whom we cross paths.

"Think about it," he continued, "our time together at AHS won't be remembered by the grades we received, the popularity we garnered, the thousands of Instagrams, tweets, likes or favorites posted on social media, but rather by the relationships we formed

Thomas William Young
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Class of 2016

Tommy,

You are the most amazing young man and there is no way we could be prouder of you. Congratulations on your graduation and all you've overcome to get here. Now go show St. Mary's what you can do! We love you with all our hearts.

Mom, Dad, Claire and CiCi



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and the kind of people we are. This is our legacy."

Trailblazing class

Class President Thomas Dagenais said the Class of 2016 "is full of leaders, not followers" and are "trailblazers," noting the number of sports championships, music awards and several other accomplishments achieved by his class.

"We feared not the shoes we had to fill, or the legacy left behind by others. Instead, we focused on the legacy we would leave, memories we would make, and the size of the shoes we left to be filled. That's what sets this class apart from every other class to come before us," he said.

Dagenais added that now that the class is graduating they will never again have to smuggle coffee into homeroom, put up with couples that walk excruciatingly slow in the hallways, or deal with the parking lot at the end of the school day.

He told his classmates: "We all have an equal opportunity to seek out our own path to greatness. And at this point, in our young lives, we all have endless opportunities to achieve whatever it is that we want to do. So let's go after it."

Don't lose sight of who you are

AHS Principal Steve Lemanski praised the Class of 2016 for being the best class at the school during his time as principal. He told the seniors, "I hesitate to use the words, 'You are the best class I've had the pleasure of seeing come through the doors of Agawam High,' but ... YOU ARE. I know you can't see this speech, but I used ALL CAPS."

Lemanski said he admired how together they have been as a class, the amount of respect they have for each other and for the staff at their school. "As a class, you are kind, compassionate, and earnest."

He said at the beginning of this school year, the class had some challenges, with a few students "facing some pretty big odds" of getting to graduation. "Life-threatening odds," he added. "Two of those people sit amongst you today."

He said this year's graduating class isn't perfect, but they have a chance to be. "You're the complete package. At a time in this world when we need compassion, you have it. When we need intelligent people, you are. And when we need doers — and thinkers — and thinkers who do. ... You get the drift. Don't lose that. Don't lose sight of who you are and what you believe in right now."

Lemanski urged them to work to the best of their ability, always show up, and be kind to each other. He told them to especially listen, because when they do, "amazing" things will happen.

"Class of 2016, I will miss you. We will miss you. You deserve the very best life has to offer," Lemanski said in closing his speech.

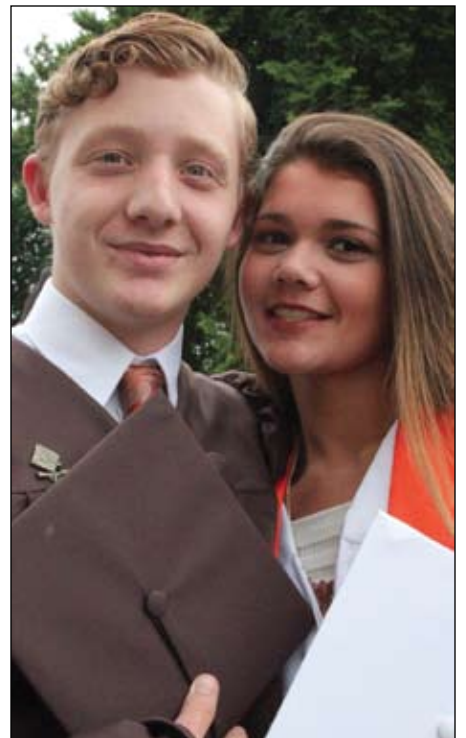
Begin planning today

In his annual address, School Superintendent William Sapelli said that since taking the position five years ago, he's been asked to give a tour of AHS to several classes celebrating their 50th class reunion.

Their reaction as soon as they walk through the doors and enter the high school lobby, he said, is always the same.



Mike DeStefano takes a picture of classmates Jillian Scherpa and Nick Scuderi.



Kainoa Lanski and Bryanna Montalvo share a close moment outside before joining their classmates inside Symphony Hall.



These seniors could barely contain their excitement at being minutes away from graduating. From left, they are Savannah Marcotte, Katelyn Gordner, Tara Negrucci, Karina Demchuk, Brynna Montalvo and Gianna Perella.




Just before heading into Symphony Hall with their classmates, friends Amber Micks, left, and Brenna Clark pose for a photo.



Max Langford, Brandon Woodford, Tristin Romano, Ryan Feyre and Tyler Wojcik line up outside Symphony Hall before graduation.

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*Tym,
We are very
proud of you.
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well in school,
sports, and
life. Continue
to be a good
friend, and
surround
yourself with
good people.*



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going to change
the world!

Love you!

Dad, Mom & Zack

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“Each and every person feels nostalgic, but more importantly, voices their feeling of pride for being graduates of Agawam High School,” Sapelli said. “An abundance of smiles are always seen on their faces as they walk through the hallways pointing out their former classrooms and remembering the teachers who taught in them.”

Sapelli added that these fond memories transform these adults, just for that hour, into former 17- and 18-year-old seniors who, like the Class of 2016, were anxious to graduate but also realized that their high school years will always be a part of them.

“You may not realize it, but your experience in high school has had a profound in-

fluence on who you are now, who you will become, and how you feel and act in the future,” he told the seniors. “Those basics, which you learned in kindergarten, such as share everything, play fair, say sorry when you hurt somebody, and remember to flush, never become obsolete.”

At the “advanced age of 17 or 18,” he told the graduating class before him, they haven’t experienced life yet like their parents and grandparents. “These life experiences cannot be obtained from a book or online. Rather, they are taught in the ‘school of hard knocks’ as you may have heard your grandparents say.”

In his parting words of advice, Sapelli encouraged the Class of 2016 to look upon

graduation day with fond memories but also to the path their lives will take when they remove their caps and gowns. “Begin planning for your future today, set goals, figure out ways to achieve them, and your dreams will come true.”

Use your talents

In his brief remarks to the graduating class, Mayor Richard Cohen said their families, friends, and the Agawam community nurtured, shared and contributed to their growth, experiences and education that led them to this “wondrous” moment: the beginning of the rest of their lives.

“Many of you will continue your education in universities and colleges outside of this community. Some will enter the military and serve our country with distinction and honor, and others will enter the workforce and use your talents to succeed. But make no mistake; you will step outside the comforts of home and community,” he said.

Cohen added that it is out beyond the frontiers of the familiar that AHS graduates will be tested on “all the nurturing, experiences and education that have come

your way in our great community. The tests you will face will come in various forms.”

He said they may find themselves facing situations where choices to act and do the right thing crop up, or they may find themselves facing choices where not acting at all is the best course of action.

“Sometimes a plan of action is the easiest idea to conceive, but the hardest to execute. Sometimes there is nothing as useless as efficiently taking action in a situation that requires no action at all. I’m confident your experiences here in this community have prepared you to know the difference,” said the mayor.

He told the Class of 2016 that whatever trials and tests they face out past the borders of Agawam, their actions will be formed by their individual pasts and their successes or failures will forge their character going into the future.

“All I ask from each one of you is to go and explore the undiscovered opportunities of experience and education and share the uncovered knowledge and wisdom that you have acquired when you return home to our community.”



Christopher Note, Cameron Verville and Geoffrey Cirocosta stride with confidence to their graduation at Symphony Hall in Springfield.



Before his graduation Joshua Neal, left, posed for a picture in front of Symphony Hall with his brother Jacob. Taking the photo is their mother, Denise Neal.



From left, Maya LaFleur, Natalie Rauh and Isabel Lamkins are all smiles as they pose for a photo outside Symphony Hall prior to graduation.



Friends and classmates, from left, Abigail Gainer, Alison Renaud and Samantha Phillips spend a few minutes together before their graduation.

Summer Happenings at ST. DAVID’S CHURCH

Saturday, June 11th ~ 3rd Annual Fr. Harvey’s Run/Walk
thru Robinson Park and back to St. David’s church on Springfield St. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the church. The Run/Walk begins at 10:00 a.m. There will be a light meal at the end of the Run/Walk and a prize for the person with the fastest time, the person who raises the most money and the youngest Runner/Walker. All money raised will go to our youth ministry. Please call the church for a sponsor sheet at 786-6133.



Giant Church Tag Sale

Our Giant, church/community tag sale will open at 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, June 17th** and we’ll wrap up the day at 4:00 p.m. and will reopen again from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on **Saturday, June 18th**. All tables will be organized by category. All proceeds will go into the Church Development Fund. We welcome the community to shop the day away with us.



VBS (Vacation Bible School) ‘Cave Quest’

Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 17 from 9 a.m. until noon, St. David’s church will transform from a church into a cave from way back around the time of Jesus with stories, music, crafts, and snacks just to name a few things. Please call St. David’s church for registration information or on our website at www.stdavidsagawam.org. VBS is FREE to all area children ages 3 thru teen years. Be sure to register soon. Our VBS grows bigger every year!



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Kyra Slocum and Travis Giroux enjoyed a few minutes together while waiting for graduation ceremonies to start.



Nick Mutti and Katie Daniels share a laugh just before graduation begins.



Alexus Porter and Liana Morrison are all set to graduate as they wait to march into Symphony Hall.



Seniors pass by a portrait of the late Roberta Doering — a 46-year school committee member who died in March — as they enter the stage at Symphony Hall to receive their diplomas. Doering had assisted in presenting diplomas at graduation for more than 40 years.



Jeremy Lungarini receives his diploma from Mayor Richard Cohen.



Symphony Hall was a sea of brown and white as the Class of 2016 waited to receive their diplomas.

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Mirski's OT goal keys Agawam quarterfinal win

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Christie Mirski scored the game-winning goal just seconds into overtime to help the Agawam High School girls lacrosse team get past Northampton in the quarterfinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I tournament.

Last Friday afternoon at School Street Park in Agawam, No. 6 Northampton had the advantage for much of the afternoon, and held an 8-7 lead for the majority of the second half.

But the Brownies were able to score the tying goal, but needed overtime to in order to get the victory and move to the semifinals.

Katie Martin would win the faceoff and got the ball to Julia Serra, who advanced the ball most of the way across Northampton's end. She would feed a pass to Mirski, who shot hard on goal and sent the Brownies bench into a frenzy.

The Brownies improved to 14-4 for the regular season and advanced to play in the semifinals against Longmeadow, a longtime nemesis they have yet to beat in a



The Agawam defense chases after a Northampton ball carrier. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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VOLLEYBALL

Brownies topple Lions in playoff match

By Tim Peterson

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM—Three weeks after losing a very close road match against Agawam, the Ludlow boys volleyball team made a return visit to Clifford P. Kibbe Gymnasium looking to advance into the Western Massachusetts Division 1 semifinals for the first time since 2013.

Unfortunately, those dreams didn't come true for the seventh-seeded Lions, who suffered a season-ending 3-1 loss against the second-seeded Brownies in a quarterfinal match held inside the hot Agawam High School Gymnasium, last Tuesday night, May 31.

"We battled them and it was a very good effort, but they were a little bit stronger than us, especially in the final game," said Fred Glanville, who completed his 21st season as the Lions boys' varsity volleyball coach. "I really thought that we had a very good chance of winning tonight's match, but this is always a very tough gym to play in."

The game scores in quarterfinal match were 25-23 (Agawam), 27-25 (Ludlow), 25-22 (Agawam), and 25-19 (Agawam).

"It feels very good to be moving onto the semifinals," said first-year Agawam head coach Kevin Pender. "We did get off to a slow start in tonight's match, but Lud-



Joseph Hendrickson goes for a spike. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

low really challenged us. It's very difficult to beat the same team three times in one season. We just executed our game plan offensively and we played very well defensively."

The last time that Agawam, who improved their overall record to 17-2, lost a match inside Kibbe Gymnasium was on May 7, 2015. They were defeated by Chi-

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Tennis falls in tournament



The Agawam High School boys tennis team had a stellar regular season, but found itself on the losing end as they fell against East Longmeadow in the quarterfinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I Team Tennis tournament. Matteo Godek had the only win for Agawam, as he needed three sets to beat Mohit Mali, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1. The Brownies season ends at 13-4. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Sports



Sabrina Christie and the Agawam defense tries to defend their goal. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Taylor DeGeorge picks up the ball on the Agawam end of the field.



Julie Serra advances up the left side.

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playoff game.

The game was held Tuesday afternoon at Longmeadow High School and results from the game will be in next week's edition. If the Brownies advanced to the finals, they would play at a site and time to be determined. Go to www.miaa.net for information on the finals.

The game went back and forth for most of the afternoon against the Blue Devils, with Agawam scoring the first goal early on.

Northampton came back, getting three unanswered goals to

take a 3-1 lead. Agawam continued to fight, but Northampton's defense swarmed their goal when necessary, keeping Agawam at bay throughout the first half.

The Brownies would manage a comeback late in the first half, with Nina Bruno, Martin, and Mirski scoring goals to give the Brownies a 6-5 lead at halftime.

Northampton scored shortly after the break to tie the score, and the teams traded goals before the Blue Devils scored near the midpoint of the half to take an 8-7 lead. It took 10 minutes

before Eliza Timms tallied with two minutes left in regulation.

The Brownies were led in the victory by Mirski with three goals and one assist. Serra had two goals and one assist. Izzy Liquori, Martin, Bruno, and Timms all had single goals.

Sabrina Christie played the full game in goal and made six saves to get the victory.

It was the third time this season Agawam defeated Northampton, beating the Blue Devils 8-7 and 13-6 during the regular season.

Brownies advance to semifinals with shutout of Spartans

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The No. 3 Agawam High School softball team needed four innings before their bats were able to wake up.

But with six runs in the final inning, and a stellar outing by senior pitcher Allison Wheeler, the Brownies advanced into the semifinals of the Western Massachusetts Division I Tournament by beating No. 6 East Longmeadow 6-0 last Thursday afternoon at Borgatti Park.

The Brownies advanced to play in the semifinals against the team they beat in last year's finals, Pittsfield, at UMass, on Wednesday afternoon.

Katie Grasso socked a double in the bottom of the fifth inning. Samantha Stratton was cut down at home plate for the first out of the inning. Wheeler came to the plate and reached on a fielder's choice before Maria Moccio and Jess Lingenberg both had base hits to bring the runs around and make it 3-0 Agawam after five innings.

That was really all that helped Wheeler needed, as she was masterful in keeping the Spartans off the scoreboard.

In the sixth inning, Jenna Beach reached on a base hit to lead off. After two outs were recorded in the eighth and ninth spots in the batting order, Grasso came to the plate and walked. Wheeler also walked to load the bases.

That set the table for Moccio, who socked a bases-clearing double to plate all the runs and make it 6-0. Wheeler and the rest of the Agawam defense did their job. Only two baserunners reached for the Spartans, with a walk in the first inning and a base hit with two outs in the third inning. Both runners would get to second base, but neither came around to score.

Wheeler would finish with a seven-inning shutout, allowing no runs on one hit, walking one, and striking out 11.

The win brings Agawam closer to defending their championship from last year. If Agawam is able to get through Pittsfield, they would play the winner of Minnechaug and Westfield in the championship game at UMass-Amherst on Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m.

Agawam has previously defeated the Falcons in the finals and have won three of the last four sectionals. The state semifinals will be held next week.

Pioneers edge Connecticut late *Play at home this Friday*

By Brian O'Connell,
New England Soccer Today

LUDLOW - Chae Brangman tipped a level game in favor of the Western Mass Pioneers on Friday, sending them to a 2-1 win over A.C. Connecticut at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Conn.

With the score tied at one apiece in the 87th minute, Brangman blasted a shot from 30 yards that bulged the back of the Connecticut net.

Pioneers skipper Maxi Viera opened the scoring in the 10th minute but the Blues responded shortly thereafter when Henning Dirks backheeled a pass to Louis Greenway, who buried it in the 14th minute.

Blues goalkeeper Steve Sasso

made a game-high four saves to keep a hungry Pioneers' attack from getting the go-ahead until the final minutes.

Friday's win allowed the Pioneers to improve to 2-1-2 (eight points), putting them within two points of first place Seacoast United Phantoms. The Blues' record dropped to 1-2-1 (four points).

Western Mass returns to action on Wednesday when they head to the Empire State to face FA Euro at Belson Stadium in Queens, N.Y. A quick turnaround will put Connecticut back on the pitch on Sunday when they travel to South Huntington, N.Y., to face the Long Island Rough Riders.

The Pioneers return home this Friday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m. They will host Long Island, whom they tied 2-2 earlier in the season.



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Sports

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copee Comp, 3-0, in that match.

"We have an outstanding fan base and we're very comfortable playing in this gym," Pender said. "We play very well on the road as well.

Agawam's long home winning streak came to an end following a 3-2 semifinal loss against third-seeded Central, last Friday night.

The Brownies leading players in the quarterfinal victory against Ludlow were senior Caleb Hodovanec (12 kills, 11 digs), senior Mark Vikhovoy (17 digs), senior Alan Burlachenko (13 kills, 15 digs, two blocks), junior Mike Basile (14 kills), junior Garrett Hollander (51 assists, 12 digs), and

sophomore Joe Hendrickson (12 kills).

The Lions, who lost, 3-2, at Agawam on May 10, finished their season with an 11-9 overall record.

Both teams also defeated Wilbraham & Monson Academy during the regular season, but those two matches don't count towards their tournament seeding record.

It was the final high school volleyball match for Ludlow seniors Devin Rodriguez, Cory Monteiro, Devin Senerchia, Tim Cardaropoli, and Sergey Vikhrev, who graduated on May 26.

"All five of our seniors were a big part of this year's team, especially leadership wise," Glanville said. "A couple of them will be very hard to replace next year."

Two of the Lions irreplaceable players are Cardaropoli, who was a libero, and Vikhrev, who was a setter.

"Sergey was the best player on our team this year," Glanville said. "Tim has been our libero for the past two years, so we're going to be losing a lot of assists and a lot of digs."

Vikhrev had a team-high 40 assists and Cardaropoli had a team-high 21 digs in the quarterfinal match.

Two of the Lions returning players are junior Chad Noga, who finished with 18 kills in the third meeting of the season against Agawam, and junior Nick Manewich, who had 13 kills in the match.

"We should be a very good team again

next year with the players who'll be returning," Glanville said. "I also think our league will be very difficult again next year."

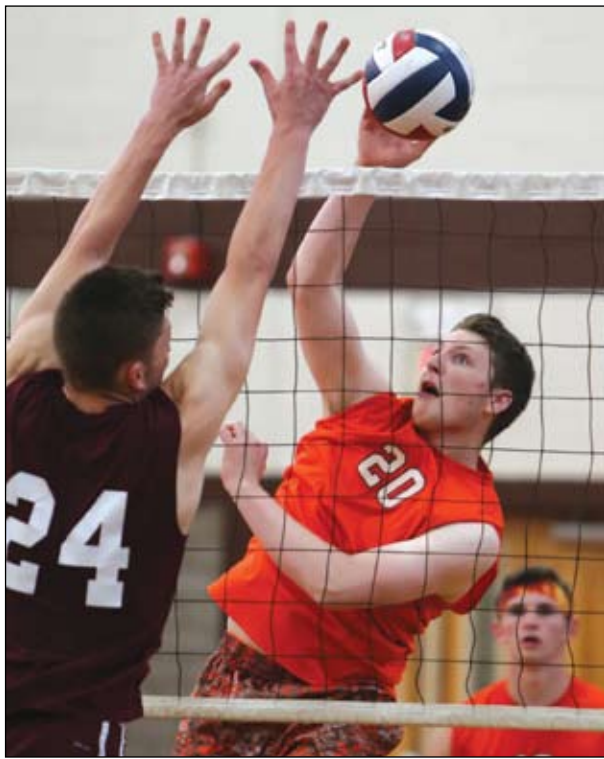
The Lions were forced to play from behind for almost the entire opening game, but the Brownies largest lead was 13-8. The visitors did battle back tying the score at 23-23 before the home team won the final two points.

Ludlow never trailed in the second game, which was also very close, but the Lions managed to tie the match at 1-1.

The Brownies, who captured the 2013 state title, found a way to win the final two games punching their ticket into the semifinals.



Mark Vikhovoy gets down to one knee for a set. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGHOTOS.COM



Geoffrey Circosta tries to get the ball by a Ludlow blocker.



Mike Basile takes a shot at the other side.

Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT Probate & Family Court Dept. HAMPDEN, Div.

HD15E0051PP

To **Anthony Cirillo** and **Danielle Marie Cirillo** as tenants-in-common in 1/2 interest and **Rita G Poggi**, Life Estate in 1/2 interest held with **Anthony Cirillo** and **Danielle Marie Cirillo**, of Agawam, Massachusetts, in the County of Hampden, and to all other persons interested.

A petition has been presented to said Court by **Mary Ann Poggi** and **Lynn Gioranino** as Trustees of the **Andrew D Poggi** Revocable Trust, of Southwick, in the County of Hampden, representing that they hold as tenants in common an undivided part or share of land lying in Agawam, in the County of Hampden, setting forth that they desire that all of said land may be sold at private sale or public auction for not less than Two Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$250,000.00) Dollars, and praying that

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If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fifth day of July 2016, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ANNE M GEOFFRION, Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this twenty-third day of May, 2016.

Suzanne T. Seguin
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600 Docket No. HD16P0923EA Estate of: Agnes M. Walsh Also Known As: Agnes L. Walsh Date of Death: April 19, 2016 INFORMAL PROBATE PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Carol J. Barker** of Springfield MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Carol J. Barker of Springfield MA has been

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Wilbraham/Hampden
Sept. 3, 2016

Youth

Signups open for Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Program at the Agawam Public Library will run June 24 through Aug. 5. Registration started June 6 and over 150 readers have signed up. Parents whose children are already registered are reminded to come to the library to pick up a Reading Log to keep track of their reading.

There are summer reading programs for all ages. There is one for children from birth to those entering grade 4, kids entering grades 5-8, kids entering grade 9-12, and one for adults.

It is free to participate and free to attend any of the events. Residency is not required to participate and library cards are not required. For every day a member of the program reads or someone reads to them, they will earn a raffle ticket to enter to win prizes.

Those interested in joining can register at agawamlibrary.org/children/ and pick up a Reading Log from the library. Readers can bring their log into the library to get raffle tickets for the days they have read. The tickets can be used to win weekly prizes or a grand prize. Participants can also attend some of the programs that will be happening at the library during the Summer Reading Program.

Attendance is not required at the specific events. Participants can come to the library to do the weekly craft project or take part in the weekly guessing game or scavenger hunt, which will be going on each week of the program.

For more information, visit www.agawamlibrary.org/children/ or call 413-789-1550, ext. 3.



Pamela Weingart, right, Agawam Public Library youth service librarian, Susan Peoples, seated, and Rose Dupre, in the tunnel, are all smiles as they prepare for the start of the Summer Reading Program on June 24. SUBMITTED PHOTO

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

The Agawam High School lunch menu is posted on the school's website.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

- Monday, June 13:** Turkey and cheese sandwich, macaroni salad, celery sticks with ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, June 14:** Big Mac burger, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, carrot sticks with ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Wednesday, June 15:** Manager's choice.
- Thursday, June 16:** Assorted pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.
- Friday, June 17:** Half day. No lunch service.

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- Monday, June 13:** Chicken sampler with dipping sauce, French fries, seasoned vegetable, fresh and chilled fruit.
- Tuesday, June 14:** Hamburger / cheeseburger, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, carrot sticks with ranch dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, sixth-grade cookout.
- Wednesday, June 15:** Manager's choice.
- Thursday, June 16:** Assorted pizza, salad with lite dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, cookie.
- Friday, June 17:** Half day. No lunch service.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST MENU ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, June 13:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Tuesday, June 14:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted nutri-grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Wednesday, June 15:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Thursday, June 16:** Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, juice.
- Friday, June 17:** Pillsbury mini pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, 1 percent low-fat milk, juice.



Agawam High School graduate Cassandra Ayre, center, is congratulated by members of the Democratic Town Committee on being the recipient of this year's Grant Award. Pictured from left are Corinne M. Wingard, chairman; Teresa Kozloski; David Morin; Rosemary Sandlin; Ayre; Louis Russo, treasurer; Kerrie O'Connor, secretary; Shelby Hall-Gibbons and Kathleen Arnold. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Town Democratic party awards Ayre

The Agawam Democratic Town Committee held a reception for 2016 Grant Award winner Cassandra Ayre at its June 1 meeting. Ayre was the most outstanding candidate to apply for the award of \$500 given annually by the Agawam DTC to a graduating Agawam High School senior who is a registered Democrat or has a parent who is a registered Democrat.

Ayre, who graduated in the top 6 percent of her class, has maintained honor roll status and is a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish National Honor Society and Opus Bono Historiae (history) Honor Society. She has also been active in extra-curricular activities and volunteered in the community.

She tutored fifth- and sixth-graders at the Roberta G. Doering School, set up and supervised science fairs, field days and music festivals at elementary schools, and helped with events at the high school such as awards nights, ceremonies and the college fair. She participated on the indoor and outdoor track and field team, leading as captain her senior year, and was an active member of Student Government, elected vice president in her senior year.

Ayre will attend Springfield College in the fall in the physician's assistant degree program. She has registered to vote as a Democrat and plans to vote regularly and get involved in campaigns, supporting candidates she believes deserve office.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Special interest programs

Westfield State University will offer a SAT Summer Institute Monday through Thursday, Aug. 1-4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. Students will have access to online review sessions and open hours throughout September. The cost of the institute is \$499, which includes all required books and materials. To register, email Brandon Fredette at bfredette@westfield.ma.edu.

Springfield College will host a Social Justice Summer Academy from June 27 to 30. Students will work in small learning communities exploring the concept of social justice through self-reflection, team building activities and interactive discussions/projects. The cost is \$50 and more information is available at springfield.edu/ice.

The Ron Brown Guided Pathway Support Program is designed to help highly motivated, college-bound African American students navigate the college admissions process by directing them to the most comprehensive and reliable resources available. Students are required to submit a completed online application, a letter of recommendation, an unofficial transcript, and two brief essays. The application deadline is June 30. More information is available at ronbrowngps.fluidreview.com.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application: The Liv Mas Scholarship; American College Foundation; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship; Class of 1980 Scholarship; Amherst Orchid Society; Jewish Endowment Fund; Rebekah Assembly of Massachusetts; Holyoke Credit Union Scholarship Program; Hood Milk Sportsmanship Scholarship; Red Pine Scholarship; Yawkey Scholars Program; The Phillips Scholarship Fund; The Michael Yasick ADHD Scholarship by Shire; Big Y Scholarship; John F. Kennedy Library Foundation; Westfield-West Springfield

Elks Lodge 1481; Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps; Hampden County Improvement League; Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants; Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship; GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship; The Henry David Thoreau Foundation; Aspiring Nurse Scholarship.

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did you know: The 2016-2017 Common Application essay prompts are now available. Students can choose from one of the following:

1. Some students have a background, identity, interest, or talent that is so meaningful they believe their application would be incomplete without it. If this sounds like you, then please share your story.
2. The lessons we take from failure can be fundamental to later success. Recount an incident or time when you experienced failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience?
3. Reflect on a time when you challenged a belief or idea. What prompted you to act? Would you make the same decision again?
4. Describe a problem you've solved or a problem you'd like to solve. It can be an intellectual challenge, a research query, an ethical dilemma — anything that is of personal importance, no matter the scale. Explain its significance to you and what steps you took or could be taken to identify a solution.
5. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal, that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community or family.

Kinder Camp registration now available

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Boys and Girls Club of West Springfield will once again be running its Kinder Camp Program. This year's program will offer four weeks of camp, July 5-29, for children ages 4 to 5. The club is closed Monday, July 4.

The Kinder Camp will be located at John Ashley Elementary School, Mondays through Fridays of camp weeks from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Activities include dramatic play centers, arts and crafts, outdoor play, group games, science, water play, camp songs, story time, special events and more. Each camp week has an exciting theme so no day or week is ever the same. The Kinder Camp rate is \$135 per week, per child. Camp fees include daily coverage from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., all special events, daily breakfast, lunch and a camper T-

shirt. Family discounts are available and the club accepts New England Farm Workers vouchers.

Registration will be accepted at the club Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Applications and camp guides can be downloaded at www.wsbgclub.org. Space per week is limited. A one-time \$25 registration fee per family and a non-refundable, non-transferable \$50 deposit per week, per child is due at the time of registration. The remaining camp fee balance is due on a weekly basis the Friday before the child's camp week. The \$25 registration fee can be waived if payment in full is made at the time of registration. All campers will receive a camp T-shirt after registration.

For more information, contact Camp Director Priscilla Reyes at 413-736-1831 or preyes@wsbgclub.com.



Samantha Swistak, left, is presented the Alpha Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society Book Award by Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, a retired Agawam High School teacher and member of the society. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Swistak awarded by women educators

Samantha Swistak, the daughter of Walter and Georgette Swistak of Feeding Hills, was the recipient of the Alpha Chapter Delta Kappa Gamma Society Book Award at Agawam High School Awards Night held June 2. Delta Kappa Gamma is an international organization of outstanding women educators who encourage and support young women who plan to enter the field of education.

Swistak maintained a 4.19 average while taking part in numerous school activities and being employed at Moolicious Farms in Southwick. She was on the varsity swimming and diving teams, took part in the marching band and wind ensemble, girls chorus, Career Club, was a Best Buddy and a member of the National Honor Society.

Swistak will attending the University of Connecticut in the fall and plans a medical future with a goal toward special education.

St. David's to offer 'Cave Quest' this summer

St. David's Episcopal Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold Vacation Bible School Monday through Friday, July 11 to 15, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The church will transform to a cave from around the time of Jesus for "Cave Quest," which will include stories, music, crafts, snacks and more.

The program is free to area children age 3 through teen years. To register, call the church at 413-786-6133 or visit www.stdavidsagawam.org.

Registration open for Storowton summer program

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Storowton Village will host Early American Summer Days, Aug. 8-12, in the historical village in West Springfield. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., children ages 7 to 12 "try on" the lifestyle of the past by stepping into 19th century New England. The week is packed with interactive games, crafts and activities to reflect the life of youth in the old days. In addition, 19th century clothing is provided for each child to immerse them in the realistic experience. On the last day, parents are welcome to watch their children perform a skit onstage, admire their artistic creations and newly learned skills, and to take a guided tour of Storowton Village.

The cost is \$150. Families with more than one child registered for the program will receive a \$20 discount for the second child. To register, contact the museum at 413-205-5051. A downloadable brochure and registration form is also available at www.TheBigE.com/sv.

Lions scholars



Agawam Lions Club members, from left, William Egan and Scott Wheeler, are pictured with this year's scholarship winners — Samantha Charette, Hannah Kresock, Jenna Bonasoni, Grace Greene, Allison Renaud and Ryan Feyre. Agawam Superintendent of Schools William Sapelli is shown with the students. SUBMITTED PHOTO



The Phantom Sheep return to the Agawam Public Library on June 30 to give an improv workshop for teens ages 12 to 18. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Improv workshop for teens this month

Local professional comedy troupe "Phantom Sheep" will return to the Agawam Public Library at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30, to present its popular Improv Workshop for teens. Students will learn and play theater games that teach skills used by improvisers, actors and comedians. This event is free for ages 12 to 18. Interested participants should contact the youth service librarians at 413-789-1550, ext. 3, to reserve a spot.

Phantom Sheep has been performing and teaching improvisation together for over 17 years, with work seen at

Six Flags and several schools, libraries and theaters around New England. Since 2014, the troupe has been a partner of the Jewish Community Center in Springfield, offering classes in improv, acting and puppetry for students in kindergarten through grade 4 up to the J-Art young adult theater group. The next session of young adult classes at the JCC will begin this summer.

The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam. For more information about Phantom Sheep, visit www.phantomsheep.com or the page on Facebook.

CAMPUS NOTES

Holyoke Community College: Christopher Stephen Adams, Jennifer M. Alves, Yelena Aleksandrova Artemova, Joye E. Cavanaugh, Amanda Marie Delore, Jennifer Marie Diduk, Sara Reidy Hampton, Stacey Lyn Kennedy, Daniel Maly, Ryan Mulkern, Tyson Francisco Ortiz, Daniel M. Owczarski, Britany Nicole Patrick, Hang Thi Kim Pham, Matthew John Plumador, Brendan Porat, Brittany Michele Progulski, Karisa L. Racette, Deborah L. Ricco, Steven Thomas Schwein, Kameron Kay Tang, Michael Raymond Vecchiarelli, Macklen Thomas Meffen Wier and Sarah E. Wyckoff, of Agawam; and Dylan Thomas Bognar, Erek Mark Brown, Elizabeth A. Emmett, Callie Sophia Fruwirth, Ryan Patrick Giroux, Antonia M. Gray, Britney Faye Kallipolites, Sara Mackiewicz, Melissa Ann Parenteau, Reile Minor Plante, Melissa Rose Rolland, Mylinh Ngo Roy, Joseph Michael Sclafani, Jeffery Allan Simpson, Joseph Samuel Thresher, Alyssa Brooke Torres and Thea Nicole Yvon, of Feeding Hills, were named to the spring semester dean's list.

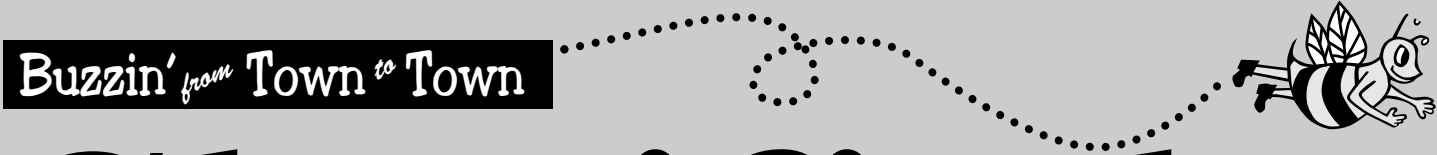
Hudson Valley Community College: Thomas Greene, of Feeding Hills, was named to the spring semester president's list.

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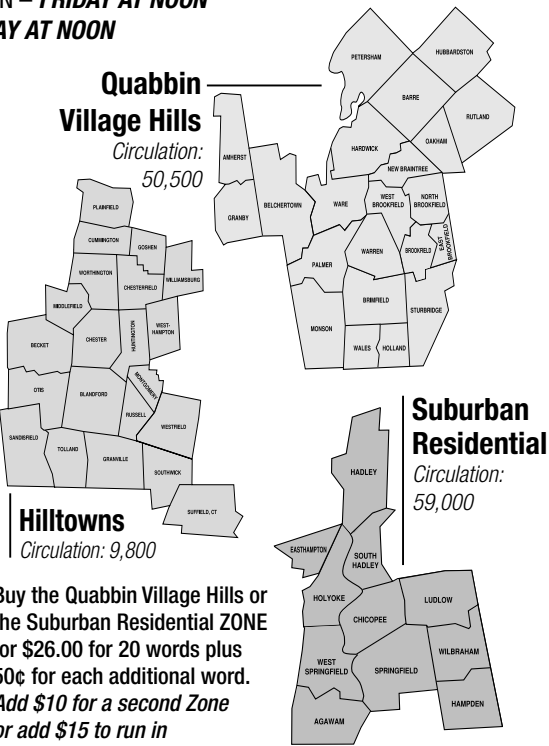
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Some of the Retired Education Association of Massachusetts members at the recent lunch included, in back row, from left, Barbara Sokolowski, Gloria Jean Sheiber, Janet Wysocki and Janice Phillips, membership chairman. Seated, from left, are Nancy Swikalus, Franceska Solon and Sylvia Starkie.



The Spring Luncheon of the Hampden West Chapter of the Retired Educators Association of Massachusetts took place recently at Crestview Country Club in Agawam. In addition to the luncheon, the event included a presentation by licensed dietician Sue Mazrolle from Big Y on the benefits of the Mediterranean Diet. Submitted photos



Retired Agawam teachers, from left, Josie Whitehead of Holyoke and Shirley Latora of Springfield were among those at the spring luncheon.



Geraldine Schilling-Nordal, retired Agawam teacher and recording secretary of the Hampden West Chapter of REAM, and her husband, Reidar, at the recent spring luncheon.



Yankee Mattress's new store on Boston Road in Springfield. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Yankee Mattress opens 4th location

SPRINGFIELD — Agawam-based Yankee Mattress Factory last month opened a fourth retail store in Western Massachusetts. The store, at 1376 Boston Road in Springfield, joins Yankee's existing retail locations in Greenfield and Northampton, and its factory showroom on Springfield Street in Agawam. Yankee Mattress sources everything locally, with environmentally friendly materials including a water-based adhesive that has received a Greenguard certificate of

compliance by Underwriters Laboratory. "I am grateful for the opportunity to take the lead with the opening of this new store," said new store manager Ken Gulliver. "Yankee Mattress is known throughout the region for their excellent products that are built to last." The locally owned company specializes in custom, odd-sized, antique and RV mattresses, and waterbed drop-ins. For more information about the Yankee Mattress Factory, visit, yankeemattressfactory.com.

Steel Partners recognizes OMG teams

Three kaizen teams from OMG Inc. have been recognized as 2016 Steel Partners Business System Hall of Fame winners. The announcement was made by Jeff Svoboda, president and CEO of Handy & Harman, a Steel Partners subsidiary and OMG's parent company. The Steel Partners Business System uses lean principles and tools, including kaizens, to increase sales, improve business processes, and reduce and eliminate waste and variation. Kaizen is a strategic activity where employees at every level of a company get together to work on a targeted improvement project. In manufacturing in particular, kaizens often demonstrate that big changes come from many small changes made over time. Kaizens are focused three- to five-day events that generally include defining a problem or goal, documenting the current state, brainstorming and developing a future state, implementing change, developing a follow-up plan and measurement metrics, presenting results and celebrating success. "We complete over 40 kaizens a year, each involving on average a team of five, so for these three teams to be recognized by our parent companies is certainly a high honor for which we are very proud," said Hubert McGovern, president and CEO of OMG Inc. A total of 19 employees participated in the three winning kaizens. Two of the kai-

zens were held at OMG's headquarters in Agawam, and one was held in the company's Asheville, N.C., facility. Each participant was presented by Svoboda with a bonus and a Steel Partners Business System Hall of Fame polo shirt at ceremonies held in Agawam and Asheville. "OMG is committed to lean manufacturing and kaizens are just one of the tools we use to drive significant improvement to our overall effectiveness as a company," said McGovern. "As a result of our lean initiatives, we've seen great progress throughout the company including gains in reducing waste, improving product quality, and bringing value to our customers." Some of the more significant results for these winning kaizens include a 66 percent increase in drain assembly output; a 250 percent reduction in the need for overtime; a \$10,000 per day increase in sellable units assembled by a packaging team and a related \$36,000 annual labor savings; and a \$100,000 annual cost reduction related to poor quality. Headquartered in Agawam, OMG Inc. is North America's largest supplier of specialty fasteners and products for commercial and residential construction applications. The company operates two business units: OMG Roofing Products and FastenMaster. OMG is a subsidiary of Handy & Harman Group Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Handy & Harman Ltd.

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A fundraiser will take place Saturday, June 25, at Fitness First, 60 N. Westfield St., Feeding Hills, to benefit WORTH Warriors of Renee Thibeault Herbert.

The suggested donation is \$20 per person. Tables are available for \$200, which includes advertising. Those wishing to make a donation may send it to Warriors of Renee Thibault Herbert at United Bank, 95 Elm St., West Springfield, MA 01089.

For more information, email warriorsofrenee@gmail.com. For tickets, call Denise Morton at 413-734-4179 or Gina Marie Girouard-O'Neill at 413-237-5903.

Tickets will also be available at the door.

The Agawam Historical and Firehouse Museum at 35 Elm St., will be open Sunday, June 26, from 1 to 4 p.m. and will feature a special exhibit celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Eastern States Exhibition. For more information, visit www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com or follow on Facebook.

Heritage Woods Senior Living will host its first "Pooch-A-Palooza" dog fashion show and parade 1-3 p.m. Saturday, June 11, at 462 Main St., Agawam. Prizes will be awarded for best dressed, celebrity look alike and most adorable.

Pet photos, a 50-50 raffle and refreshments will be available. A portion of the money raised will be donated to Dakin Humane Society. The registration deadline to enter a dog in the show passed on June 1. For more information, call 413-789-8365.

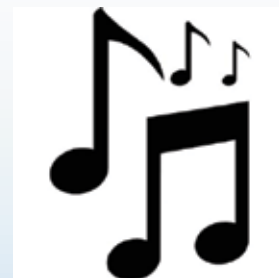
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